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TREMENDOUS GRAIN WEALTH

Whatever woes may be in store for the people of this country, it is quite certain that, in the immediate future at least, we shall not starve.

Corn is ripening into a great golden harvest—a harvest that will tax the labor capacity of the whole great west to its fullest.

America has long been teaching the world to take our corn. Europe has learned to eat it and to like it. The market is practically unlimited. There is no such thing as overproduction of corn.

There is no cereal carrying more nutrition, none capable of wider adaptation, than corn. It fills an amazingly broad field of usefulness, extending all the way from the daintiest breakfast tables to the pig sties; and everywhere it is delicious and healthful. It makes bone and muscle and sinew and brain, and these make character.

There is no end to the explanations advanced for the characteristic strength and vigor of the American people. No explanation is near the truth if it does not include corn.

Corn enters into the character of the Americans as truly as macaroni does with the Italians and sauer kraut with the Germans. If there is to be a national flower none is more appropriate than the corn tassel.

Last year's corn crop in this country broke all records. But the new record was short lived. This year's corn crop exceeds it by the astonishing figure of 127,000,000 bushels.

The latest government crop report indicates a total crop for the country of almost 2,600,000,000 bushels—the largest corn crop ever produced and considerably larger than the ordinary mind can comprehend.

The indicated yield in the six principal corn states, based on government percentages of conditions, are here shown:

| | 1905. | 1904. |
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| Kansas | 252,000,000 | 135,000,000 |
| Nebraska | 280,000,000 | 261,000,000 |
| Missouri | 235,000,000 | 152,000,000 |
| Iowa | 302,000,000 | 203,000,000 |
| Illinois | 246,000,000 | 244,000,000 |
| Indiana | 165,000,000 | 143,000,000 |

And corn is not all we can have to eat in plenty. The total winter and spring wheat crop of the United States promises to be 690,000,000 bushels—the largest, with one exception, ever raised.

The aggregate production of wheat, corn and oats amounts to 4,104,000,000 bushels, which is 250,000,000 bushels more than last year.

NEED OF CARLSBAD VALLEY

The board of consulting engineers, representing the reclamation service of the department of the interior, will meet in Carlsbad, Monday, August 28th, at which time they will take final action upon the report of the projecting board which will, with their recommendations, be submitted to the department. Dependent upon their recommendations is the ultimate outcome of the irrigation proposition whether or not the system will be taken over for government control. The personnel of the board is as follows: Arthur P. Davis, assistant chief engineer; Geo. Y. Wisner, of Detroit, consulting engineer; Morris Blen, consulting engineer of the legal department, and B. M. Hall, of Carlsbad, supervising engineer of this district, and Wm. Reed, district engineer.

It seems that the fate of what may be called the Carlsbad district of the Pecos valley, hangs suspended upon the decision of this meeting. Twice has the magnificent system of irrigation at Carlsbad been destroyed by floods, and now the company and the people are at the end of their ability. If the government shall refuse to take over and restore the system, on a better basis of course, then must that part of the valley speedily return to the desert condition from which it was wrested with so much expenditure of money and labor.

Another balloon expedition to the North Pole is being organized in Paris by the well known French aeronaut Marescaux. He proposes to avoid some of the inconveniences of the Andree expedition, when not sufficient attention was paid to the necessity of a parachute and to the effects of extreme cold on the gas contained in the balloon. He proposes to equip his balloon with a motor to be used only in case of contrary winds, and is confident he will be successful in reaching the pole and in finding traces of the Andree expedition. The cost of the equipment he calculates at about \$16,000, which he claims to be able to obtain from his friends and admirers.

According to the Farmington Hustler, W. A. Hunter sold ten acres of land, two and one-half miles east of that town to R. H. Myers of Silverton for \$900. The deal was made through the real estate agency of Clark & Annable. Mr. Myers is an old schoolmate of Mr. Annable, and went to Farmington on a visit. He was so well pleased with the country and its prospects that he concluded to locate there. He left for Silverton and will return later with his family. Ninety dollars an acre is no bad price for land, even if it is in San Juan county, and only two and one-half miles from town.

GOOD OUTSIDE TESTIMONY

Denver & Rio Grande's southern route has passed through the belt of land that may be aptly classed as non-productive, having been Indian lands until recently, and is now just entering the fruit belt, where the eye feasts for miles upon orchards, meadows and gardens, where the purple cluster of the ripening grape contrasts with the pink of the peach and variegated hue of the apple, where all is fertile and the soil yields a competency to the amateur and a good living to the professional, where all the hardy and semi-tropical products respond in perfect growth to man's effort and water's touch.

San Juan county, New Mexico, is the one spot where the minimum acreage produces maximum results; where the lazy farmer is pensioned and the industrious grower opulent; where the consumption in tributary sections is vast and the markets cash and ever demanding the products of the soil. The one spot where the miner who toils at high altitudes can locate his family amid pleasant surroundings and if the wife and children be industriously inclined his wages will be entirely to profit account.

Completion of the route to Farmington opens up a section of country that will be densely populated, as it affords all that the higher and more rigorous altitudes deny in much that is health giving, and all that the deeper regions bar in the way of soil growth. It is to be a section of homes, of schools, of churches. Get in now, Durango Democrat.

"You can put me down as convert to the proposition to annex New Mexico to Arizona, in order to secure statehood," said Dr. Marcus A. Rodgers, of Tucson, to the Oasis editor, Tuesday. "The frequent and repeated appointments of carpet baggers to federal offices in Arizona are what converted me. Through outside influences we have had inexperienced kids thrust into positions of importance and responsibility which should go only to men of ability and long experience. I am opposed to such evils and the only remedy I can see is to elect officials by the vote of the people. We must have statehood to do that. I am for statehood in any form."—Nogales, Ariz. Oasis.

SONG FOR THE GIRL WHOM I LOVE

Selected

A song for the girl I love—
God love her!
A song for the eyes that tender shine,
And the fragrant mouth that melts on mine;
The shimmering tresses uncontrolled
That clasp her neck with tendrils of gold;
And the blossom mouth and the dainty chin
And the little dimples out and in—
The girl I love—
God love her!

A song for the girl I loved—
God loved her!
A song for the eyes of faded light,
And the cheek whose red rose faded white,
And the quiet brow, with its shadow and gleam,
And the dark lashes drooping in a long deep dream,
And the small hands crossed for their churchyard rest,
And the lips dead on her sweet dead breast,
The girl I loved—
God bless her.

AN EXCELLENT LESSON IN NEW MEXICO GEOGRAPHY

From New Mexican

A number of changes in the boundary lines of New Mexico counties were made by the recent legislature and therefore a list of counties with their present area is of interest. Bernalillo county is the smallest although larger than the state of Rhode Island. It covers 1,240 square miles. Santa Fe county is the only other county with less than 2,000 square miles, it having lost recently Espanola and Moriarty precincts, and now lays claim only to 1,980 square miles, which, however, is greater than the extent of the average principality or dukedom in Europe and upon which a million people can find room before the county will be as thickly populated as is the kingdom of Belgium. Taos county is third with 2,283 square miles; Mora fourth, with 2,542 square miles. The other counties range as follows: Quay, 2,805 square miles; Luna, 2,946; Siera, 3,081; Roosevelt, 3,110; Torrance, 3,330; Dona Ana, 3,818; Sandoval, 3,833; Colfax, 3,897; Guadalupe, 3,952; Lincoln, 4,659; San Miguel, 4,893; McKinley, 5,377; San Juan, 5,598; Valencia, 5,712; Rio Arriba, 5,932; Union, 6,037; Eddy, 6,506; Otero, 6,870; Grant, 7,403; Chaves, 9,599; and Socorro, 15,605. The states of Maryland and Massachusetts could be crowded into the last named county and seven counties the size of Santa Fe or twelve the size of Bernalillo could be carved out of it.

Over 4,200,000 acres of the area of New Mexico, or one out of every eighteen acres, is included in forest reserves and if the Jemez forest reserve is created, as is likely, the proportion will be even more. The Gila river forest reserve now covers over 2,000,000 acres, a princely domain of mountains, forests, river valleys, mines and grazing land. The Lincoln reserve has an area of 500,000 acres. The Pecos river reserve has 431,040 acres to its credit but is soon to be increased in area by the addition of several townships. Much of the area of the territory is given up to Indian reserves and Indian grants. The Navajo reservation includes 2,345,492 acres in the northwestern part of the territory. The southern Ute reservation has a patch of 107,314 acres in northern San Juan county. The Jicarilla Apache reservation in Rio Arriba county covers 404,788 acres and the Mescalero Apache reservation in Otero and Lincoln counties 449,280 acres. The Zuni Indian reservation covers 273,280 acres, including 35,000 acres granted to the pueblo of Zuni. The Indian pueblos all have land grants. The San Felipe pueblo covers 13,817 acres; the Nambé 7,680 acres; Laguna 125,225 acres; Isleta 119,000 acres; Acoma 95,000 acres; Sandia 24,187 acres; Santa Ana 17,000 acres; Pojoaque 13,529 acres; while Santa Clara, San Juan, Picuris, Santo Domingo, Cochiti, Taos and other pueblos, have large reservations or over 900,000 acres altogether.

There are five military reservations in the territory. Fort Union, in Mora county, covers 66,880 acres; Fort Wingate, in McKinley county, 83,200 acres; Fort Stanton, 28,221 acres; Fort Bayard, 8,840 acres; the Fort Sumner post cemetery, 160 acres.

SOME STORIES WISE AND SOME OTHERWISE

Her Hubby's Pockets.

A Daniel came to judgment in Kansas has decided that "it is an ancient privilege of the fair sex," when married, to search the pockets of their husbands at night. The judge who gave this decision granted the divorce that was applied for by the man, who complained, among other things, that his wife had picked his pockets while he was asleep, but he stated that this ground did not weigh with him in his decision.

Jesting aside, it is fair to inquire whether the custom of searching their husbands' pockets at night prevails among any considerable number of women. And isn't it almost certain that the wife who must search her husband's pockets for money after he goes to sleep will be disappointed, since that kind of a husband drops most of his cash on his way home?—Boston Globe.

He Took It Literally.

Clothes Were Old.

Sarah Bernhardt was being entertained at dinner by an American in Florence.

"I paint a little," she said. "Once, discouraged with the reception of two roles, I thought seriously of abandoning the stage for the brush. But widow came to my rescue. I learned in time that the general public—the average man—is able to appreciate more accurately the work of an actress than the work of a painter."

"I had finished a small study, and, calling up my concierge, I asked him if he wouldn't take the picture to the frame maker's and have it framed."

"Cheerfully, madam, cheerfully," said the concierge, and he took up the canvas in a rather careless way.

"O, be careful," I said, sharply. "The paint is not quite dry yet."

"Never mind about that, madam," said the concierge, "my clothes are old."—New York Tribune.

Had an L on It.

"Can you tell me where I can find me son Tim?" inquired a heavy set Irish woman of a corporal of a California regiment stationed at San Francisco, during the Spanish-American war.

"That is your son? A private?" inquired the corporal, who was also a product of the "ould sod."

"Sure, an' he ain't," replied the woman. "It's meself which disremembered what he is, but it's something with an 'L' on the end of it."

"Is he a corporal?"

"No."

"A general?"

"No."

"He isn't a sergeant, is he?"

"No."

"Maybe he's a second lieutenant?"

"Yes, that's it."—Colorado Springs Telegraph.

A teacher having a composition lesson said: "Do not attempt any flights of fancy, children; just be yourselves and write what is in you."

One pupil handed in this: "Teacher says we should not attempt any flights of fancy, but it's what is in us. In me there is my stomach, lungs, heart, liver, two apples, one piece of mince pie, three sticks of candy, a hull lot of peanuts and my dinner."—Selected.

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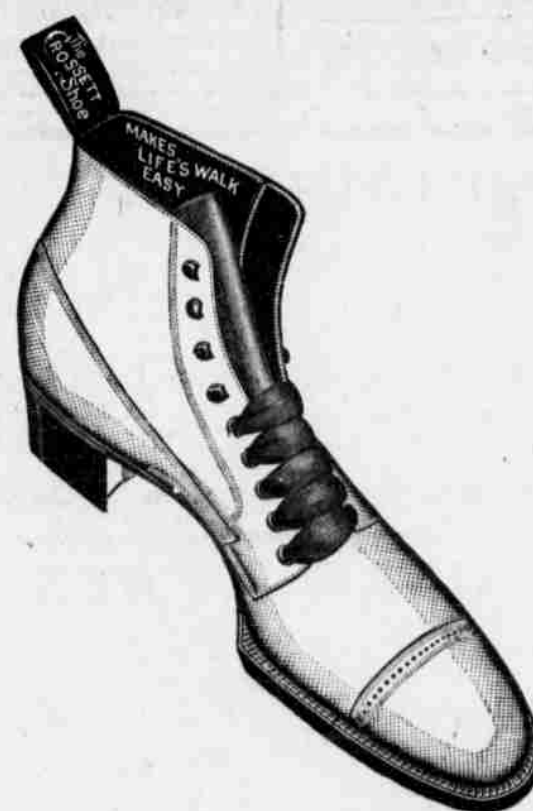
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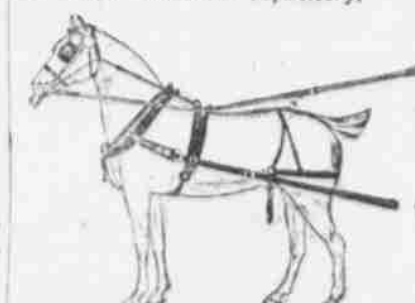
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